REPORT OF THE CC:DA 2000 MIDWINTER MEETING

The following are highlights of the meetings of the Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, ALA Midwinter Conference in San Antonio, January 15 and 17, 2000.

Report from the Chair:

D. Kinney reminded the Committee that, since its last meeting in New Orleans, final reports had been received from the ISBD(ER) Harmonization, Rule 0.24, Logical Structure of AACR, and Seriality Task Forces. The reports were approved via e-mail and were forwarded to the Joint Steering Committee. The Task Forces were thanked and discharged. B. Schottlaender also expressed thanks to CC:DA, on behalf of the JSC, for the quality of the reports and the timeliness with which they were gathered and distributed. The reports are available on the CC:DA website http://www.ala.org/alcts/organization/ccs/ccda/ccda.html

Report of the Library of Congress Representative:

B. Tillett reminded the Committee that this year marks the Library's bicentennial. Various programs, publications, exhibitions, symposia, and projects are planned. For more information, please consult LC's bicentennial website http://www.loc.gov/bicentennial/

In October, the Library successfully completed its ILS implementation within budget and on schedule. More than 28 million bibliographic, authority, and holdings records were migrated and over 3,320 staff members received new workstations, software, and training. Planning continues toward the conversion of authority records to pinyin by October 1, 2000. Thereafter, all romanization of new cataloging and authority records will be done in pinyin.

Report of the ALA Representative to the Joint Steering Committee:

B. Schottlaender reported that the JSC had reviewed the report of the Task Force on Rule 0.24 and agrees with their first and third recommendations, 1) to reorganize AACR2 by ISBD area in a staged approach and 3) to add an introductory chapter to the code which would address cataloging principles and issues of expression, manifestation, seriality, remote access, transcription, catalogers' judgement, multiple characteristics, and mixed materials. They felt, however, that more study needed to be devoted to the second recommendation, to add an appendix to the code which would clarify major and minor variations in manifestation. A Task Force was created to study the proposal and another Task Force has been charged with re-drafting such an appendix. Responses to MLA's proposal to change the wording with regard to "work" in connection to music uniform titles are due by February 29, 2000. So far, only one response (from the British Library) has been received. MLA will respond to CC:DA after all JSC constituents have commented. Much of the meeting was spent poring over the JSC's modifications to the proposals of the ISBD(ER) Harmonization Task Force. Most of the modifications were minor and were approved by CC:DA. However, there was strong disagreement with the JSC's decision to merge all spellings in Chapter 9 (and perhaps eventually throughout the rules) into "disk," rather than to retain "disk" (magnetic) and "disc" (optical).

Report on the IFLA Conference in Bangkok:

G. Patton encouraged all to look at his report of the Section on Cataloguing meeting on the ALCTS website www.ala.org/alcts/you/ifla/cataloguing3.html. He also referred the Committee to the IFLA website (www.ifla.org/). The ISBD(M) has recently been reviewed relative to the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR); and the ISBD(CM), ISBD(NBM), and ISBD(S) will also be reviewed shortly. The next IFLA conferences will be held in Jerusalem (2000) and in Boston (2001).

Report from ALA Publishing:
D. Chatham reported that the new amendments package to AACR2 will be available by March 1 in electronic format for free downloading (as an "integratable" or as a separate PDF file) and for a $15 charge on CD-ROM and in print format. CC:DA also discussed its relationship to the Concise AACR2, which, although reviewed by the JSC, has always been a work of personal authorship.

Report from the 2000 Preconference Planning Task Force:

M. Larsgaard reviewed the agenda for the two-day preconference on metadata (July 6-7, Chicago) and announced that attendance has been set at approximately 200 with a cost estimated at $235 per attendee. The preconference papers will be edited by Wayne Jones as part of the ALCTS papers series.

Report on "Revising AACR2 to Accommodate Seriality":

J. Hirons reported that the JSC was in favor of dividing resources between "finite" and "continuing," with the latter to include serials (successive entry) and integrating resources such as looseleafs and websites (latest entry). Chapter 12 will be revised to reflect this new concept and terminology; and the ISBD(S) may be renamed ISBD(CR).

Rule Change Proposals from MAGERT:

E. Mangan presented numerous proposed changes to Chapter 3 and a few related to Chapter 1 with regard to cartographic materials. Most of the proposals were sent back to the Map and Geography Roundtable for revision. However, it seems likely that a new GMD, cartographic material, will replace globe and map.

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